

SONORA SIFTINGS.

A Collection of Happenings in the State
Over the Line.

Monday evening Engineer Ignacio Bonillas returned from a trip to Hermosillo.

Don Ruperto Gatica is the "administrador" at the head of the new custom house at Sasabe.

Extensive arrangements are under way for a grand ball at Hermosillo on the 18th of September.

Monday Mr. G. M. Weeks, manager of the National Mexican Mining & Developing Co., at El Plomo, started for Chicago.

A good rain Sunday raised the water in the reservoir at Prietas to such a stage that a plentiful supply for the season is now assured.

Tuesday evening Mr. John Gowan, of the bustling firm of Harlow & Gowan, returned from a trip to his Socorro mine, near Carbo.

Tuesday Mr. W. C. Pomeroy went out to the Ajos mountains for a prospecting trip. He expected to be gone a month or six weeks.

Mr. J. F. Allan, general manager of the Mexican Gold & Silver Recovery Co., with headquarters at the City of Mexico, is visiting Sonora.

It is reported that ex-Governor Thornton of New Mexico, has succeeded in negotiating the sale of the San Miguel mine, in the Ures district, for \$250,000.

The mishap to the steam chest of of the hoisting engine at the Creston shaft has caused the laying off of a large number of men who are taking advantage of the lay off to make visits in Arizona, California and elsewhere.

Mr. Louis C. Friend and a Mr. Andrews of Kansas City, who were visiting Sonora recently in the interest of an eastern syndicate, have returned home. They expect to return to Sonora early in October and will establish a mining bureau at Hermosillo.

A report comes from Prietas that on Saturday or Sunday the steam chest at the Creston hoist exploded scattering it into so many pieces that repair is impossible and a new head will have to be cast. The accident is said to have necessitated shutting down the mine for a time and temporarily throwing out of employment a large number of men.

Sunday evening a grand concert by local amateur talent was given at Hermosillo, in aid of "La Junta Patriótica," the committee having in charge of arrangements for a proper observance of the Mexican Independence Day—September 16th. The entertainment was a grand success, there being a large and enthusiastic audience, while the programme, consisted in an artistic sense, was very fine.

Wednesday the mill of the Colorado Mining Co., at Las Planchas, started up after a complete and thorough overhauling. Everything is in first class condition and working finely. During the suspension of the mill development has been vigorously prosecuted, a great area of virgin ground is opened up and ready for stoping, and there are over a thousand tons of high grade silver ore on the dump, with many thousands of tons in sight in

the mine. A great deal of it will run 150 ounces to the ton, and none less than fifty ounces. Superintendent Allen says the Colorado Co., is utterly indifferent to the price of silver—at twenty cents per ounce they can make money. It is the production of such mines that is bearing down the price of silver.

Mexican Anniversary Notes.

The Mexican Celebration Committee of the 16th of September, held a meeting at the Sonora municipal hall last Monday evening with Mr. Rodolfo Ogarrío as presiding chairman, and the following members present:

Messrs. Mascareñas, Villaseñor, Paredes, Chapital, Raphael, Encinas, Martínez, Duplat, Ramirez, Garza Cortina and secretary Acevedo.

Messrs. Chapital and Paredes of the collection committee, reported an excellent progress as to the subscription list, which was generally subscribed to by citizens on both sides of the line and that there was but a small balance uncollected. Approved and funds on hand ordered deposited with Treasurer Sandoval.

On motion, duly seconded, Messrs. Mascareñas, Garza Cortina and Raphael were appointed as a special committee to draft and present a full report of the programme with all the necessary details to be carried out "comme il faut" for the celebration of the 15th and 16th of September next.

It was also moved and seconded that the Committee extend a cordial invitation to the distinguished Ladies Orchestra of Nogales, requesting their kind cooperation at the literary and musical exercises during the festive day.

Mr. Mascareñas moved that the Grand ball for the occasion be given at the custom house, as that locality was the only one sufficiently large to accommodate the vast assemblage of invited guests. Approved by acclamation.

Ordered that the Committee on fireworks shall take immediate action to purchase the best possible exhibition display from the funds set aside for that purpose. Motion approved.

Before adjournment and with the unanimous consent of the members of the Committee, the further consideration and appointment of committees for the civic programme and grand ball were deferred until the next meeting set for Thursday, the 26th inst. at 8 o'clock p. m. to which date, the meeting duly adjourned.

By the Secretary.

E. ACEVEDO.

Local Election.

Tomorrow, Sunday, August 29th, the annual election, of municipal officials for Nogales Sonora, will take place. This year there are two tickets in the field—the first time since 1894—and a spirited contest is being conducted. Nightly meetings are held which are largely attended by the electors, who are addressed by the candidates and other hearers. The tickets in the field are as follows:

For Presidente, Cirilo Ramirez (present incumbent); for First Regidor, Carlos Garza Cortina; for second Regidor, Bernardo H. Lacarra; for Suplente, Guadalupe Vindiola.

The opposition ticket is as follows: For Presidente, Ignacio Bonillas; for First Regidor, A. Sandoval; for second Regidor, L. Fressinier; for Suplente, Juan Villaseñor.

NOGALES NOTES.

Interesting Items Gathered Around the
Line Cities.

FOR SALE:—House and lot. A bargain. Enquire at this office.

Mr. Miller a photographer from Globe, is a recent arrival at Nogales. He will remain here some weeks.

Monday Mr. W. S. Sturges, whose visit was noted last week, returned to La Osa.

Unless you are well shod you are not well dressed. Go to R. Vasquez at the Red House, and buy a pair of elegant and stylish shoes.

This week Mr. J. R. Southworth has received another large lot of fine half tone engravings for his forthcoming work "Sonora Ilustrado."

Tuesday evening Mrs. Sullivan and her children came up from Prietas to visit a time at Nogales and escape the hot weather.

Mr. C. O. Bowman, who was injured a couple of months ago by falling from a ladder at the opera house, is again out and about town on crutches.

Schlitz beer received the highest award for purity at the Columbian Exposition. J. T. Brickwood sells it at 10 cents a glass, Mexican money.

President McKinley has issued a proclamation dedicating to the public use of a strip of land at Nogales sixty feet wide and two miles along the international boundary.

Messrs. Harlow & Gowan received yesterday the furniture for their office, which they have unpacked and arranged in their new office in the Brown building, near THE OASIS office, and they are now prepared to do business on the "fin du siècle" plan.

Monday Mr. J. T. Brickwood received another carload of the celebrated Schlitz Milwaukee beer—the second for the month. Consumption of this deservedly popular beer, under Mr. Brickwood's able and liberal management of the business has increased wonderfully in Nogales.

The work on "Sonora Ilustrado" is now so far advanced that an idea can be formed of what the book will be. The letter press and engravings are remarkably fine. The frontispiece, a full page engraving of Governor Corral, is declared by all who see it as one of the finest portraits ever turned off a press.

The prophet who predicted the event before it happened, got in his work on the recent flood at Nogales. And Wednesday morning when a slight shower came up, he was reported as delivered of another vaticination, to the great discomfort of a number of citizens who have a prejudice against getting their feet wet.

The Sonora News Co., have arranged to establish at Nogales a circulating library, and to that end have laid in a large stock of novels and works, of fiction, both standard and recent. By the arrangement each patron will pay twenty-five cents (American money) when taking out the first book. After reading that they can return it and take another, paying five cents, and continuing so long as desired at a cost of five cents for each exchange.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Mr. H. S. Foreman has dissolved partnership with the N. M. & A. railway company.

On the 25th inst. the Sonora railway passenger train was five hours late owing to an engine failure.

Miguel Peralta has severed his connection with the N. M. & A. passenger run, C. L. Reddoch taking his place.

Conductor Shirks has "shirked" his duties on the Sonora railway pile driver. The gentleman was very popular with all his railroad acquaintances, who regret to see him leave the service.

Captain Wamsley, long and well known as a passenger conductor on the Sonora railway, is now running a train on the Mexican Central railway out of Calera. "Cap" has many warm friends among western railway men who all wish him well.

The repairs on the track of the Sonora railway near Batuecas, just outside of Guaymas, to which the government inspector objected as unsafe, have been completed and accepted by the inspector, doing away with the disagreeable walk to which passengers were subjected while the train passed over without them.

Wednesday Mr. Fred Sterling bridge foreman on the N. M. & A. railway was severely hurt in consequence of the carelessness of some of the men who let go their hold on a windlass, the crank to which struck Mr. Sterling in the breast and hand, severely injuring both. He was already suffering from having the fingers of the other hand pinched in a car door a few days before, and he now has both hands damaged with an ugly wound in his chest.

Through the combined efforts of representatives of the five railway orders and Senator Perry J. Lewis of Sonantaw, the twenty-fifth legislature of Texas has enacted into law the "Lewis Fellow Servant Bill." This is one of the greatest victories ever accomplished by railroad men. In Senator Lewis the wage earner and bread winner have a steadfast friend and helper, always ready and willing to do everything possible to lighten their burdens and better their condition. He is a typical American, energetic, plucky and progressive, with a heart to feel for suffering humanity.



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